

Washington, D.C.-U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today regarding the vote expected to take place this week on a short-term Continuing Resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives:

"With a \$14 trillion national debt and a \$1.65 trillion deficit, our federal government is facing a fiscal crisis of unprecedented proportions.

"With the passage of H.R. 1, House Republicans took an important first step for fiscal discipline, defunding ObamaCare and restoring respect for life to the federal budget, only to see it rejected by liberals in the Senate.

"The Senate Majority Leader called the Republican budget cuts, 'mean spirited, reckless and irresponsible,' even defending federal funding for a Cowboy Poetry Festival. Is it reckless and irresponsible to ask for \$61 billion in cuts when the national debt is 230 times that amount?

"They just don't get it.

"It's time to take a stand for taxpayers and future generations. I will not vote for the short-term Continuing Resolution.

"Things don't change in Washington, D.C. until they have to. It will not be possible to put our fiscal house in order without a fight.

"By giving liberals in the Senate another three weeks of negotiations, we will only delay a confrontation that must come. I say, 'Let it come now. It's time to take a stand.'

"H.R. 1 was a victory for taxpayers and a victory for life. House Republicans need to tell liberals

in the Senate, 'This far and no further.'

"Nobody wants a government shutdown, but unless we take a stand, we will shut down the future for our children and grandchildren."

See his floor speech on this topic below: